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The President, in talking of his conversation with Deputy Premier Kozlov, said that first of all he liked the man -- that he was frank and willing to state clearly the Russian positions. The President said what we have to do is to "thaw out" the Russian defenses. About Berlin we say we will never have our rights there diminished. The Russians say this is an illogical position. We admit it is illogical, but we will not abandon our rights and responsibilities -- unless there is a way made for us to do so.